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Claims

- 10 1. A fixing arrangement for fixing a spring and/or damping element (20) to a continuous hollow member (22) of a motor vehicle body, into the lower flange (28) of which a through-opening (30) for the spring and/or damping element (20) is let, the spring and/or damping element (20) fixing a wheel suspension member of the motor vehicle to the hollow member (22) by way of a load-distributing support (38), the spring and/or damping element (20) passing right through the hollow member (22) and extending upwards from the upper flange (26) of the hollow member (22), and the spring and/or damping unit (20) being supported against the upper flange (26) of the hollow member (22) by means of a radially protruding socket (40), **characterized in that** an adapter plate (42), which when fitted is fastened to the socket (40) with bracing and separating effect, is supported on the lower flange (28) of the hollow member (22).
- 20 2. The fixing arrangement as claimed in claim 1, **characterized in that** a cage (44), which connects the upper flange (26) and lower flange (28) of the hollow member (22) together whilst reinforcing the member cross-section, is provided between socket (40) and plate (42) inside the hollow member (22).

3. The fixing arrangement as claimed in claim 2,
characterized in that the upper flange (26) and
lower flange (28) of the hollow member (22)
5 converge at an acute angle in the area where the
cage (44) is arranged.
4. The fixing arrangement as claimed in claim 2,
characterized in that a lower plate (52) and an
10 upper plate (54) of the cage (44) run approximately
parallel to the assigned upper flange (26) and
lower flange (28) of the hollow member (22).
5. The fixing arrangement as claimed in claim 4,
15 **characterized in that** the lower plate (52) and the
upper plate (54) of the cage (44) are connected
together by way of a tubular sleeve (62).
6. The fixing arrangement as claimed in claim 4,
20 **characterized in that** the lower plate (52) and the
upper plate (54) of the cage (44) are connected
together by way of multiple screw sleeves (58).
7. The fixing arrangement as claimed in claim 2,
25 **characterized in that** the cage (44) takes the form
of a preassembled unit.
8. The fixing arrangement as claimed in claim 2,
characterized in that the cage (44) is arranged in
30 the area of an offset (24) of the hollow member
(22).
9. The fixing arrangement as claimed in claim 8,
characterized in that the hollow member (22) is an

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offset side member in the area of the wheel housing
(12).

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